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SUBJECT: FAHD VISIT

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1. IN PLANNING FOR MEETING ON SECURITY COOPERATION, OUR INTENTION HAD BEEN TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR PRINCE FAHD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MAJOR REGIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM STATE, DOD, CIA, AND NSC. OUR HOPE WAS THAT THIS MEETING WOULD ENABLE US TO DISCUSS WITH SAUDIS, FOR EXAMPLE, WAYS IN WHICH MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS RELATE TO US STRATEGIC SECURITY, TO SHARE ASSESSMENTS ON CURRENT AND POTENTIAL THREATS TO REGIONAL SECURITY, AND TO SET STAGE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS IN WHICH OUR POLICIES TO COPE WITH THESE THREATS CAN BE BETTER CO-ORDINATED. THIS HAD BEEN FORESEEN AS IMPORTANT, BROAD-RANGING, AND HIGH-LEVEL SESSION WHICH WE THOUGHT WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SAUDI DEL.

2. IN LIGHT OF PRINCE FAHD'S STATEMENT THAT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECURITY (IN EFFECT THE KINGDOM'S CHIEF UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER) AND NOT HE, WILL HEAD SAUDI SIDE AT THAT

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MEETING, WE ANTICIPATE THERE MAY BE LITTLE SCOPE FOR

USEFUL DIALOGUE REVOLVING AROUND BROAD GAUGE STRATEGIC/
SECURITY SUBJECTS WE HAD IN MIND. WE HOPE FAHD HAD
PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE HAD IN MIND AND THAT HIS
DECISION TO HAVE GENERAL TUNISI TO CHAIR MEETING WAS

NOT BECAUSE OF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT NATURE THIS
MEETING AND WHAT WE MEANT BY SECURITY. RUSH

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